

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Paragraph 0021 as shown below:

Q1 As shown in FIG. 1, the battery housing assembly 10 is disposed between passenger seats 8 and 9 and seat supports 4 and 6, preferably but not limited to second or third row seats of an automotive vehicle. A rigid support structure 12, preferably constructed out of metal or plastic, is affixed to a vehicle frame member 2 and provided for supporting one or more battery units 14 (only one shown). A combined battery housing/console (base) structure 16 fits over the battery units 14, and is affixed either to the frame member 2, support structure 12 or both. The battery housing/consoles 16, which is preferably made of plastic or a vinyl material, includes a top portion (not shown) that can be completely open, or partially or even completely enclosed as shown for example by housing/console 62 in FIG. 3. Referring again to FIG. 1, a housing cover 18 is provided to fit over the top portion of the battery housing 16.

Please amend Paragraph 0024 as shown below:

Q2 Next, a housing cover 28 is affixed to the top of the housing/console 26, and is arranged and constructed to provide one or more console features to vehicle occupants. Preferably, the housing cover 2628 is suitably arranged and constructed so as to snap-on to the housing console 26. "Console features," by way of example and not limitation, may include armrests, cup holders, baby bottle holders, CD/video/game cartridge holders, change slots and various other types of slots and holders, and accessory support structures or platforms. The housing cover 28 of FIGS. 2a and 2b for example includes slot/holders 42 and 44. The housing

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cover 28, however, may also include headphone jacks, game ports, power outlets and charger units for cell phones, cameras and other electronic devices.

Please amend Paragraph 0025 as shown below:

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The console features may also be included as part of the housing/console structure 26, as shown for example by cup holders ~~46~~48, headphone jacks 36a and 36b, and 110V outlet 30. Accessory support structures, for example as shown by reference numerals 66 and 68 in FIGS. 3a and 3b, can be attached directly to the console structure, or alternatively, to the console cover.

Please amend Paragraph 0027 as shown below:

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FIG. 33a shows another preferred embodiment 50 of the present invention, which includes a housing cover 57 constructed and arranged to function as an armrest, storage compartment 60 and support structure 66, 68 for a portable DVD player 69. The housing cover 57 includes a lid 58 for accessing storage compartment 60 and an assembly 66,68 for supporting a DVD player or other portable electronic equipment. The assembly 66,68, as shown in FIG. 3b, is designed to fold down in the direction of the arrow to be flush with the front side of the battery housing/console structure 62, or to detach or slide in and out of the battery housing/console structure 62.

Please amend Paragraph 0028 as shown below:

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The battery housing assembly of FIG. 33a further includes a metal or plastic base 52 for supporting a high voltage battery pack, e.g., a 42-volt battery pack. As shown,

AS the battery pack is segmented into three individual battery units 56a, 56b and 56c. Grills 64a, 64b are provided over ventilation openings on the battery housing/console structure 62.

Please amend Paragraph 0033 as shown below:

AS FIG. 6 shows a more detailed perspective view of the battery support structure 52 of FIGS. 5a and 5b. The support structure 52, which preferably mounts to the vehicle floorpan using mounting holes for the second row middle seat, includes three cradle sections 55a through 55c for supporting battery units 56a through 56c. The battery units 56a-56c sit within sections 55a-55c, and are secured into place via brackets 53 and 54. Bracket 53 for example can be designed to hook unto the support structure ~~62~~52 on one end, and to fasten to bracket 54 on the other. Flanges 57a through 57c are provided for cooperating with the floorpan mounting holes as described above.
